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CHAPTER II

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)  
(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)**

PCT/DE2004/001442

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

July 6, 2004

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

July 11, 2003

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

**Method for Supplying a Plasma Torch With a Gas, Mixed Gas or Gas Mixture Comprising Volumetric Flow Regulation in Combination with Pressure Regulation; and Arrangement for Carrying Out Said Method**

TITLE

Kjellberg Finsterwalde Elektroden und Maschinen GmbH

APPLICANT FOR DO/US

**Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 USC § 371:

This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371 (f):

The U.S. Basic National Fee (35 USC § 371 (a)) and other fees (37 CFR § 1.492) as indicated below:

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*Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 55,439, at 56,442.*

## 2. Fees

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Basic national fee</b> (37 CFR 1.492(a))				\$300.00
<b>Claims</b>  <b>Claims</b>  <b>Independent Claims</b>		Number filed	Number extra	Rate	
	Total Claims	23 - 20 =	3	x \$ 50.00 =	\$150.00
	Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 =	\$0
	Multiple Dependent Claims(s) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 \$0
<b>Examination Fee</b> (37 CFR 1.492(c))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee <input type="checkbox"/> If written opinion prepared by ISA/US or international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations		\$0		
<b>Search Fee</b> (37 CFR 1.492(b))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee <input type="checkbox"/> If written opinion of the ISA/US or international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.445 (a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB <input type="checkbox"/> All other situations		\$200.00	\$200.00	
<b>Additional Pages</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, oath or declaration after date of commencement of national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		\$250.00 \$130.00	\$0	
	Total of above calculations				\$1,050.00
<b>Small Entity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant hereby claims small entity status. <del>37 CFR 1.27. The above fees are reduced by ½</del>		=\$525.00	\$ 525.00	
			Subtotal	\$ 525.00	
			Total National Fee	\$	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording enclosed assignment			\$ 40.00	
					<b>Total fees</b> \$ 565.00

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ 565.00 to Deposit Account 13-0760.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0760. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3.  A copy of the international application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)):

- is transmitted herewith
- is not required as the application was filed with the U.S. Receiving Office.
- has been transmitted
  - by the International Bureau

Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/1B/308): \_\_\_\_\_

by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

4.  A translation of the international application into English (35 USC § 371(c)(2)):

- is transmitted herewith
- is not required as the application was filed in English
- was previously transmitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)
- will follow

5.  Amendments to the claims of the international application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)):

- are transmitted herewith
- have been transmitted
  - by the International Bureau

date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/1B/308): \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

- has not been transmitted as
  - applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): \_\_\_\_\_

the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.

6.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 USC § 371(c)(3)):

- is transmitted herewith
- is not required as the amendments were made in English
- has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.

7.  A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)

- is transmitted herewith.
- is not required as the application was filed with the U.S. Receiving Office.

8.  Annexes to the international preliminary examination report:

- is/are transmitted herewith.
- is/are not required as the application was filed with the U.S. Receiving Office.

9.  A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report:

- is transmitted herewith.
- is not required as the annexes are in English.

10.  An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 USC § 371 (c)(4)) complying with 35 USC § 115:

- a declaration of inventorship in compliance with §1.497 has been submitted in the international application under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) within the time limits provided for in PCT Rule 26ter:1 on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)
- was previously submitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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c.  is submitted herewith and such oath or declaration is:

is attached to the application

identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 CFR § 1.70.

d.  will follow

11.  An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):

a.  is transmitted herewith

b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau  
date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308): \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

c.  is not required, as the application was searched by the U.S. International Searching Authority

d.  will be transmitted promptly upon request

e.  has been submitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

12.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

a.  is transmitted herewith

b.  will be transmitted within three (3) months of submission date of requirements under 35 USC § 371(c).

c.  was previously submitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

13.  An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.  A separate Cover Sheet for Assignment Accompanying International Application Entering National Stage is also attached.

14.  Additional Documents:

a.  Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)

b.  International Publication No. WO 2005/007332 A1.

i.  Specification, claims and drawings ii.  front page only

c.  Preliminary amendment (37 CFR § 1.121)

d.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

15. The above checked items are being transmitted

a.  before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

b.  after 30 months

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